


25 YEAR RE-REVIEW


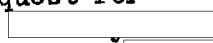


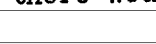

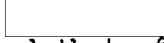
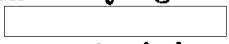
TWENTIETH MEETING OF OSO/OPC COMMUNICATIONS BOARD


The twentieth meeting of the OSO/OPC Communications Board was held at 2 PM, Tuesday, 31 May 1950. Present were:





Item I. The minutes were approved as read.

Item II. 

Negotiations on this subject seem to have come to a standstill and the Board has been requested to determine the next necessary step. It was pointed out that the Department of State has requested that CIA and the  settle the problem between them and come up with one request for Department support. The Department will make only one request to  Government and has no assurance that such request will be approved. The  requirement is for a very large station of a minimum of 100 personnel. CIA minimum requirement is for approximately 12 people. If the  request were approved for only a small station, there is no assurance that there would be room for a CIA complement. Due to budgetary difficulties, the  are not ready to put their station at this time. However, they desire to keep their request to the Department active. The  representatives who will make a survey  are leaving about the first week in July, and it was generally agreed that effort should be made to have a joint conference with  prior to the departure of such representatives so as to come to a decision on the whole situation. Discussion was had as to the best possible channel to use to get a decision and it was decided that a letter should be prepared for DCI signature to the Secretary of Defense, giving a situation report of the whole problem and requesting a decision.

Item III. 

Since all negotiations and policy decisions have been reached and a final report presented to the Board by  on this item, it was agreed that it be dropped from the Agenda.

Item IV. 

Item carried over to next meeting.

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Item V. SOP for Procurement of Agent Equipment:

A new draft was presented and form in which this directive is to be issued was discussed. It was decided that a covering memorandum would be issued by each office and requesting that such directive not be amended by either office without coordination with the OSO/OPC Communications Board. It was then agreed that this item be removed from the Agenda.

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Item VI. New Business:

Mr. [] was welcomed as the new member of the Board for OPC, and a vote of thanks was extended to [] for his service on the Board.

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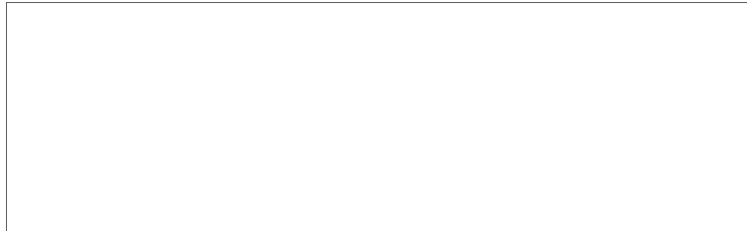
The meeting adjourned at 3:40 PM.

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NINETEENTH MEETING OF OSO/OPC COMMUNICATIONS BOARD

The nineteenth regular meeting of the OSO/OPC Communications Board was held at 2 PM, Tuesday, 23 May 1950. Present were:

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Item I. Item VI was changed to read "necessitates the return of OSO personnel to read the cables", and with this change, the minutes were approved.

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Item III.



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Item IV.



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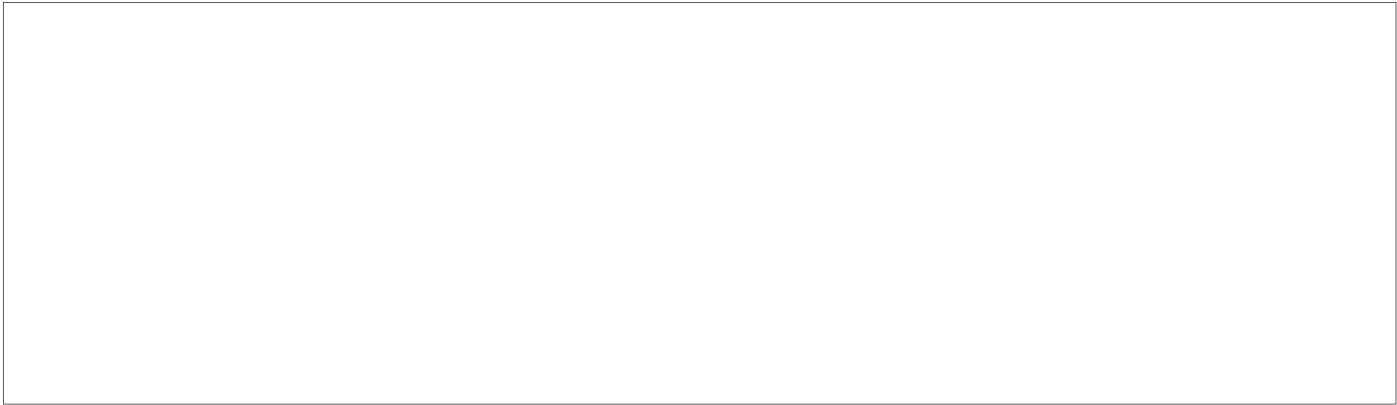
Item V. SOP for Procurement and Issuance of Agent Equipment:

A revised draft on this subject was presented and discussed. It was pointed out that supplies in the field should be on a stock level basis, to be drawn upon for any approved project that comes up, and that such stock levels should be determined on both minimum and maximum basis. It was also decided that some provision should be included to prevent a Commo area chief from blocking the emergency issuance of equipment. Discussion was had as to where the responsibility should lie in determining whether equipment is to be issued from overseas area stock or from basic stocks maintained in the Washington area. A new draft of this paper, incorporating the changes suggested in the above discussion, will be presented at the next meeting.

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Item VII. New Business:

No new business.

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 PM.

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EIGHTEENTH MEETING OF OSO/OPC COMMUNICATIONS BOARD

The eighteenth regular meeting of the OSO/OPC Communications Board was held at 2 PM, Tuesday, 9 May 1950. Present were:

Item I. It was requested that the sentence under Item II be changed to read "A CIA representative will be sent if possible to [] . . ." and with this correction, the minutes of the last meeting were approved as read.

Item II. []

[] stated that the CIA representatives from [] cannot be sent to [] for survey purposes as previously discussed. Discussion was had as to the possibility of sending a CIA representation from Washington, either with the Air Force representatives or separately, to make a general survey of the whole [] problem, and it was agreed by the Board that such a representation would be sent. Such representatives are to be sent to such other places in the general area as may be necessary for purposes of implementing the Commo Plan as approved.

Item III. []

[] gave a report on the progress of negotiations for the [] Base, giving the views of the [] officials on the matter, and detailing the search for sites (both airfields and manor houses), arrangements [], difficulties in finding housing facilities, etc. A copy of Mr. [] detailed report is being made a part of the Board record and it was suggested that a copy be sent to the ADSO for possible transmittal to the Director.

Item IV. []

The area report on the [] is still being worked on. It was pointed out that any consideration of a [] site should be shelved until the overall policy toward [] is established by the United States Government.

Item V. SOP for Stockpiling and Issuing Agent Radio Equipment:

The draft paper prepared by [] on this subject was presented and discussed. It was decided that some policy should be set up on the issuance of new over old equipment. Also, some statement should be included as to the conditions under which new war-time equipment can be issued. This paper is to be studied further and carried over to the next meeting.

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Item VII. New Business:

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[redacted] brought up the fact that there is always an accumulation of J cables for ADSO release after 5 o'clock which sometimes necessitates his return to the office in the evening. It was requested that all routine J cables arrive at ADSO's office by 4 PM or be held over until the next day.

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The meeting adjourned at 4 PM and was reconvened on Thursday, May 11, at 4 PM in order to complete the report by [redacted] on the progress of negotiations for the establishment of the [redacted] Base, and the [redacted] Base. The meeting readjourned at 5 PM.

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SEVENTEENTH MEETING OF OSO/OPC COMMUNICATIONS BOARD

The seventeenth meeting of the OSO/OPC Communications Board was held at 2 PM, Tuesday, 2 May 1950. Present were:

Item I. The minutes of the last meeting were read and recorded statement of [] was corrected to read "We (CIA) were wrong in interpreting [] fears to the north as pertaining to [] was equally fearful of the [] Government".

Item II. []

Members of CIA attended a conference at the Department of State on the question of overall policy with respect to a radio base [] A copy of the formal minutes of the meeting are to be furnished to CIA. A State cable [] was presented to the Board meeting and it was noted that [] seems to be more favorably disposed toward the matter of a base. In order to expedite further negotiations, information on logistics [] and present [] facilities is being gathered both by CIA and [] A CIA representative is being sent to [] to make a general survey with emphasis on [] and [] It was indicated that CIA should produce such a survey on a priority basis so as to have the information prior to departure of an AF survey team to [] for similar purposes.

Item III. []

The mobile van is now at headquarters and a full-dress demonstration will be set up between K and L Buildings for all personnel concerned. The unit will then be taken over by the team for training purposes and the equipment will be made ready for shipment by June 15. The shipping schedule for this equipment was explained and it was stated that some pressure may be necessary in order to obtain shipping priorities from the Army. OPC cooperation was assured in obtaining priority. [] is sending a cable to [] directing that if negotiations are not completed by the time our equipment arrives, [] is to permit the equipment to be set up [] Discussion was had as to probable and desirable location of the operational headquarters and it was pointed out that from a communications standpoint, such headquarters can be as far away as 50 miles from the radio base without impairing the efficiency of communications. A special meeting of the Board will be called upon [] return and representatives of the respective area desks will be present.

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Item IV: []:

[] is preparing a report on the political situation in [].
A proposal was made to look into the possibility of negotiating an option
for a base in [] or some of its possessions, and with this in mind, the
Branch will be asked to prepare a similar political report on [].
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Item V. SOP for Procurement and Issuance of Agent Equipment:

A draft of a GAI on this subject was presented and after discussion,
it was decided to assign [] of COMMO to work on this paper.
Consideration should be given to keeping OPC and OSO stocks separate to a
certain extent to insure that both requirements can be met at any time.
It was reported that there are no stocks of new equipment as yet, but that
101 SSTR-1s are now assembled and being prepared for issuance [].
In this connection, COMMO is to prepare an estimate of equipment presently
on hand, amounts on order, and by whom ordered, so that a study can be
made as to the division of such equipment.

Item VI. []

COMMO is working on a paper on this subject and will present a
rough draft at the next meeting.

Item VII. New Business:

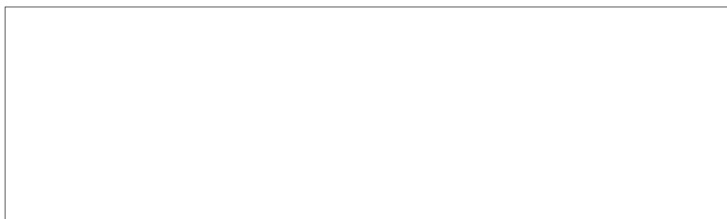
The meeting adjourned at 3:40 PM.

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SIXTEENTH MEETING OF OSO/OPC COMMUNICATIONS BOARD

The sixteenth meeting of the OSO/OPC Communications Board was held at 2 PM, Tuesday, 25 April 1950. Present were:



Item I. The minutes of the last regular meeting and the special meeting were read and approved. [redacted] stated that the ADSO had looked over his file on the proceedings of the OSO/OPC Communications Board and had suggested that those attending the meetings be listed as regular members and consultants, with a notation as to which items the consultants were called in to discuss.

Item II. [redacted]

The State Department cable to [redacted] was read and discussed. [redacted] has been alerted to attend a conference being held in the Department of State to determine what policy is to be followed with respect to a radio base [redacted] State Communications representatives will be present. [redacted] stated that [redacted] had returned from [redacted] and they reported that the [redacted] Government is worried about [redacted] ~~more~~ *as much as* than about [redacted]

Item III. [redacted]

It was reported that representatives of [redacted] have also agreed that the principal of sharing sites and facilities is not technically desirable. [redacted] is being advised not to make any firm commitments in [redacted] without referring to [redacted] headquarters. This matter will be discussed further when [redacted] returns. It was suggested that a review be made of the terms of agreement with the [redacted] for the use of the [redacted] and also the degree of urgency and scope of needs of both OSO and OPC with respect to the Base.

Item IV. Distribution of Cables:

The draft of the procedure was presented and accepted.

Item V. [redacted]

This item was carried over to the next meeting.

Item VI. SOP for Agent Equipment Issuance:

This item was carried over to the next meeting.

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Item VII: Overseas Communications Plan:

It was stated that the Overseas Communications Plan is being favorably considered by the Director and it is understood that the plan will not be taken to the NSC for approval at the present time.

Item VIII: New Business:

The subject of an overall policy for [] programs 25X1 was brought up as a matter for the Board's determination and it was agreed to make this an item for the Agenda.

1951-1952 budget requirements were discussed. Agent equipment requirements for a period of two years have been procured from the operating divisions and will be analyzed as to justification and with a view to time scheduling. Operational requirements will have to be reviewed and a meeting of the Board will be called when this has been done.

The meeting adjourned at 4:05 PM.

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SPECIAL MEETING OF OSO/OPC COMMUNICATIONS BOARD

A special meeting of the OSO/OPC Communications Board was held at 4 PM, Thursday, 20 April 1950. Present were:



Discussion was had on the question of sharing land and facilities with the [redacted] in respect to the [redacted]. A draft of a cable of instruction on this matter was approved for dispatch to Mr. [redacted] recommending acceptance of sharing for the initial phases of the base, but continuing negotiations for a manor house on a permanent basis.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 PM.

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MINUTES OF FIFTEENTH MEETING OSO/OPC COMMUNICATIONS BOARD

The regular meeting of the OSO/OPC Communications Board was held at 2 PM, 18 April 1950. Present were:

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Item I. The minutes of the last meeting were read and were approved after deletion of Item VI on the [redacted] (dropped from Agenda at previous meeting).

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Item II. [redacted]

There was no definite progress to report on this item, although the State cable to [redacted] has been coordinated by CIA and is now being considered by the Air Force which takes exception to the matter of [redacted] as expressed in the cable.

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Item III. [redacted]

[redacted] for this project will be ready about 1 May and the teams are being assembled. Discussion was had on the subject of sharing facilities with [redacted] and when no final decision could be reached, it was decided to draft a memorandum to the ADSO giving the pros and cons of the problem and asking for a policy decision, so that definite instructions can be transmitted to [redacted]

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Item IV. Overseas Communications Plan for CIA:

A transmittal letter was presented for signature by ADSO and ADPC, after which the plan will be forwarded to the Director.

Item V. Distribution of Cables:

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[redacted] stated that ADSO had reviewed the drafted procedure and made the following statement: "The attached impresses me as an excellent job. Strict compliance by all interested personnel will result in real progress." The manner in which this paper is to be published was discussed and it was decided to call it "OSO/OPC Basic Cable Procedures" and have it disseminated with a covering Procedure Guide for OSO and an Administrative Instruction for OPC. Minor points will be ironed out by [redacted] OPC, and [redacted] of OSO. A group within Communications Division appointed by [redacted] is to write an OSO/OPC procedure for guidance of COMMO personnel in the field.

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Item VI. [redacted]

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Item VII. SOP for Agent Equipment Issuance - carried over to next meeting.

Item VIII. New Business:

OPC brought up the problems of their increasing needs for cryptographic personnel at their field stations. The Communications Division will keep these needs in mind in revisions of the overseas T/O.

All the figures on two-year requirements of agent stocks from the operating divisions have not as yet been received, but should be presented at the next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 4:25 PM.

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MINUTES OF FOURTEENTH MEETING OSO/OPC COMMUNICATIONS BOARD

The regular meeting of the OSO/OPC Communications Board was held at 4 PM 13 April 1950. Present were:

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Item I. The minutes of the last meeting were read and it was decided to change one sentence of Item V. Distribution of Cables to read: "It was further agreed that the code clerk was responsible for the handling of both OSO and OPC cipher traffic in the field." The minutes were approved with this change.

Item II. [REDACTED]

This item was carried over to the next meeting.

Item III. [REDACTED]

This item was carried over to the next meeting.

Item IV. Overseas Communications Plan [REDACTED]

It was reported that the Overseas Communications Plan had been studied and approved by ADPC prior to his departure. It was further stated that ADSO had also looked the plan over and approved it as a whole, with the suggestion, however, that Para 3H be reconsidered. He felt that this paragraph dealing with FBIS traffic weakened our whole position because of the implications that we were attempting to compete with commercial companies. The paragraph was rewritten to place emphasis on non-availability of commercial and military circuits during a period of imminent hostilities. It was decided that should this still not meet with the ADSO's approval, a conference should be requested with him to discuss this point.

Item V. Distribution of Cables:

The working group on cable procedure presented a basic paper containing all directives and procedures common to OPC and OSO for communication to and from the field. It also contained information for the guidance of intelligence officers in the writing of cables. Suggested changes were discussed and it was agreed that these changes should be studied and re-examined at a special meeting of the Board at the earliest possible date after [REDACTED] had read the document.

Item VI. [REDACTED]

This item was carried over to the next meeting.

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This item was carried over to the next meeting.

Item VIII. SOP for Agent Equipment Issuance:

This item is still being worked on and will be brought up at the next meeting.

Item IX. New Business:

No new business was brought up at the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 PM.

MINUTES OF THIRTEENTH MEETING OF OSO/OPC COMMUNICATIONS BOARD

The regular meeting of the OSO/OPC Communications Board was held at 2 PM, ~~20~~ March 1950. Present were:


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Item I. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.


Item II. 

A rough draft of the proposed answer to  representing the CIA views on the subject was presented. Effort will be made to present a final draft of the cable at the next meeting.

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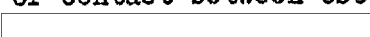
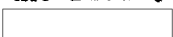
Proposed sites for the base are still being reviewed. The mobile unit will be ready in about two weeks and a team is now being selected to begin familiarization by 1 May. This equipment should be ready for shipment by 15 June.

Item IV. Overseas Communications Plan 

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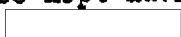
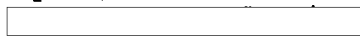
The plan was presented in final form for presentation to ADSO and ADPC. It was brought out that after conferences between the ADSO and ADPC and the Communications Board, the letter of transmittal to the DCI when prepared should contain a specific statement of formal approval suitable for signature by the Director.

Item V. Distribution of Cables:

It was decided that OPC cable procedures which have been sent to the field will not be activated until complete accord is reached by all interested parties. It was further decided that OSO would transmit to the field instructions for the guidance of OSO code clerks in the handling of OPC traffic. It was further agreed that the ~~OSO~~ code clerk was the point of contact between OSO and OPC in the field. A committee comprised of  of OSO and  of OPC would formulate the administrative instruction indicated above. A finalization of cable distribution procedures is to be presented at the next meeting of the Board.

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Item VI. :

The  situation had become routine and was dropped from the Agenda, with the reservation that the Board be kept advised of any noteworthy developments. In this respect, a cable from  indicates that the handling of FBID traffic  link may not be a dead issue.

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Item VII. []

It was decided to procure from [] a statement on the conversation between [] communications position in the [] Area studies were presented to members of the Board for consideration, and additional studies on the [] proper and other areas worthy of examination.

Item VIII. SOP for Agent Equipment Issuance:

The SOP for issuance of agent equipment was continued with no discussion.

Item IX. New Business:

The Board directed that a high priority be attached to the obtaining of two year requirements of agent stocks from the operating divisions, and a final report will be made at the next meeting.

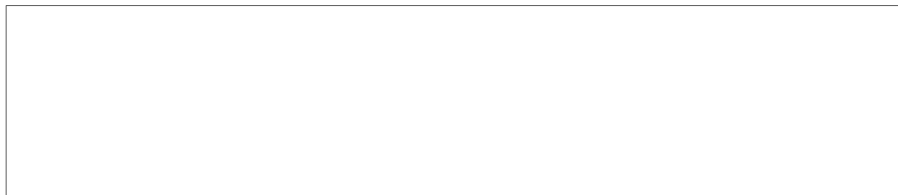
The reply to the memorandum of 17 March to the Department of State with respect to [] was presented by [] and was made a part of the record. It was recommended that copies be attached to all copies of the original memorandum. It was further recommended that [] be directed to contact Mr. Howe of State and that all possible measures be taken to maintain the momentum and advantage which is presently enjoyed by the CIA.

The Board approved memorandum from Chief, Communications, recommending the purchase of 4 AN/FRT-5 transmitters from the [] in order to take advantage of a Navy contract and to insure adequate stocks of medium high powered radio transmitters.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:20 PM.

MINUTES OF TWELFTH MEETING OF OSO/OPC COMMUNICATIONS BOARD

The regular meeting of the OSO/OPC Communications Board was held at 2 PM, 28 March 1950. Present were:



Item I. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Item II.

The area study for alternate sites in the Far East was presented by COMMO. From preliminary study, it would seem that [redacted] offers the most desirable alternate site. It was suggested that [redacted] approach the Department of State to determine what the [redacted] reaction would be to a request for rights to set up a base station. It was however decided to continue preparations to present the request to the [redacted] Government and to this end, CIA is to draft an answer to [redacted] latest cable requesting information, among other things, about the size of the proposed [redacted] base. Discussion took place as to the possibility of setting up the base under [redacted] in line with the present [redacted] agreement with the [redacted] COMMO is to check with the [redacted] here to find out what this present agreement involves and also what is the status of the [redacted] request for a [redacted] base.

Item III.

Nothing new was brought up and this item was carried over to the next meeting.

Item IV. Overseas Communications Plan for CIA:

This item was carried over to the next meeting.

Item V. Distribution of cables:

Revised cable distribution procedures are being completed by both OSO and OPC and coordinated by all concerned. A few points still not agreed upon were discussed. In particular, the matter of notification to the Signal Center of internal OPC distribution of J cables, the use of indicator [redacted] for OPC sensitive matters, and the right to authorize the use of alternate channels of communications seemed to be in need of further consideration. It was agreed that the papers would contain an initial section of general information and definitions which would be common to both OSO and OPC, and then a more detailed section on the internal mechanics particular to OSO and to OPC. Final drafts of the procedures are to be presented at the next meeting.

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Item VI. []

It was reported that the tests on the [] link will go into operation on 31 March. The [] deal is not expected to be approved by the [] but this will not affect the basic operation of the link.

Item VII. []

An area report for alternate sites is being prepared and will be completed for the next meeting. It is understood that [] is re-negotiating its present agreement with [] for communications facilities [] and is encountering some difficulty in this respect.

Item VIII. SOP for Agent Equipment Issuance:

This matter has not as yet been formalized but it was generally agreed that the OSO/OPC Communications Board should have as part of its responsibility the determining of quantities of equipment to be procured in order to meet current requirements and maintain a minimum reserve stockpile, and also should have some control over issuance of equipment in large quantities in order to determine priorities.

It was determined from present figures that COMMO can meet OPC agent equipment needs without jeopardizing OSO requirements.

Item IX. New business:

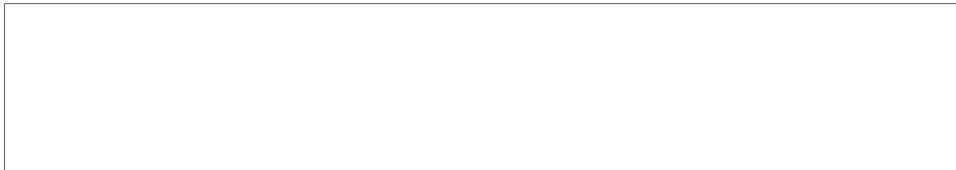
The OPC Commo Support Plan - [] - was discussed and OPC is to bring it up to date so that COMMO implementation of this plan will be in line with present operational thinking.

The meeting adjourned at 3:50 PM.

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MINUTES OF ELEVENTH MEETING OF OSO/OPC COMMUNICATIONS BOARD

The regular meeting of the OSO/OPC Communications Board was held at 2 PM, 21 March 1950. Present were:



Item I. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Item II.

A cable from [] states that the possibility of obtaining the approval of the [] government for the [] base seems unlikely at present. After discussion, it was agreed that a study be made as soon as possible of alternate sites. The possibility was also discussed of setting up a mobile station somewhere in the Southeastern Asia area to work that area now and then be moved whenever military security dictates.

Item III.

As a result of CIA letter to the [] a cable is being sent to the [] directing that necessary negotiations for the [] Base be carried out through [] channels.

Item IV. Overseas Communications Plan []:

It was suggested that a paragraph should be added to the document stating the plan as presented is the optimum situation and if political difficulties arise, changes will have to be made to adapt the plan to feasible if less desirable conditions. A cover letter for the plan was presented and after discussion, was approved for forwarding to ADSO and ADPC.

Item V. Distribution of Cables:

It is expected that both the OSO and OPC revised cable procedures will be ready for consideration at the next meeting.

Item VI.

A summary of the present situation on the [] link was given. Word is expected from [] on negotiations in the light of instructions sent him as a result of the special meeting of the Board. It was recommended that plans for the activation of the station on 27 March continue unless further notice to the contrary is received. The actual date for the transfer of MECA headquarters from [] will probably be in September.

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Item VII. []

It is understood that the present agreement [] has with [] is under review and is to be renewed in May. At the present time, the [] uses [] facilities in []. It was recommended that, as in the case of the [] Base, a study of the area should be made for alternate sites in case negotiations for the [] base are unsuccessful.

Item VIII. New Business:

The question of issuance procedures for agent communications equipment was raised and made an item for the agenda. Some standard procedure should be set up for requisitioning and carrying the costs of such equipment so that stock levels may be kept up, priority standards established, and project budgets set up to include the cost of communications equipment, which is not the case at present.

OPC presented the following figures on their immediate needs for agent equipment:

SSTR-1 - Total of 150 sets required []
70 required by 15 May for pouching to the field, and
additional 80 by July.

RS-1 - Total of 20 by May 15 and 80 by July 1.

Packaged station - 1 for storage either on [] or in Far East, required as soon as possible (1 July)

[] - 25 required by 1 June.

The meeting adjourned at 4:15 PM.

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF OSO/OPC COMMUNICATIONS BOARD

A special meeting of the OSO/OPC Communications Board was held at 3 PM, Thursday, 16 March 1950. Present were:

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The item for discussion at this special meeting was the proposed [redacted] circuit and the effect present [redacted] negotiations with the [redacted] may have on the establishment of this circuit.

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Colonel White of [redacted] presented a summary of the original agreement with the [redacted] for the handling of traffic from [redacted] via [redacted] and later circumstances leading to the present [redacted] proposal to increase the file to 30,000 words, including both operational and administrative traffic, and guaranteeing use of emergency cable.

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OSO had agreed to take over the [redacted] traffic as of 1 April and planned to handle it over the proposed [redacted] link which the [redacted] have not as yet approved. After discussion, it was agreed that [redacted] would send an answer to the [redacted] proposal, stating that [redacted] is abiding by their present agreement on handling a file of 20,000 words and expressing the hope that the [redacted] link can be approved. A cable of instructions will be sent to [redacted] which will include permission to state that the [redacted] circuit will be used for other purposes than transmitting the [redacted] file.

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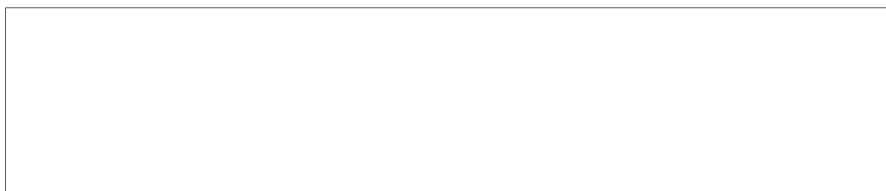
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MINUTES OF TENTH MEETING OF OSO/OPC COMMUNICATIONS BOARD

The regular meeting of the OSO/OPC Communications Board was held at 11 AM, Tuesday, 14 March 1950. Present were:



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Item I. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Item II:



There were no new developments on this subject. [redacted] is to keep in touch with the Department of State to get information back from [redacted]

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Item III:



A copy of the letter to [redacted] requesting that negotiations through regular channels be initiated was presented to the Board and made a part of the record.

Item IV: Commo Support Program: (Overseas Communications Plan [redacted])

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The latest draft of the plan was presented and the general text was approved, with a change in the title as noted above. Budget representatives from OSO and OPC were called in and an analysis was made of the cost estimate presentation. After certain suggested changes were made, the financial projection for the plan was approved, and the Recorder was directed to prepare the whole paper in final form.

Item V: Distribution of Cables:

This item was carried over to the next meeting.

Item VI: Agent Equipment Inventory:

It was decided that the present freeze on the shipment of agent equipment should be lifted. Discussion was had as to what reserve stocks should be kept on hand and what priorities should be determined. When present stocks are exhausted, the Board will have to establish a policy on the issuance of new equipment from the standpoint of security. Each member of the Board is to study their operational needs for agent equipment so that time schedules for procurement can be set up.

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Item VII:

This item was carried over to the next meeting.

Item VIII: New Business:

There was no new business.

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MINUTES OF NINTH MEETING OF OSO/OPC COMMUNICATIONS BOARD

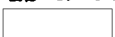

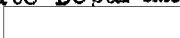
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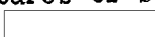

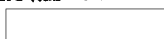
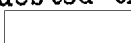
Item I. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Item II. 

A letter dated 3 March 1950 from W. Park Armstrong of the Department of State was read and made a part of the files of the Board. The letter is a statement of the official State Department stand on the question of the  Base and is considered to be definitely favorable toward CIA's request for such facilities. It was ascertained that the State Department cable of instructions to  had been coordinated by the  with only minor changes and had been dispatched the following day.

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Item III. 

Pictures of some of the proposed sites were circulated. A summary of the  meeting held on 2 March was presented and after discussion, it was the consensus of opinion that the  unofficial request for consolidation of facilities should be turned down verbally and unofficially on grounds of operational security. The  also requested that they be given a letter from the Director requesting that the  site be negotiated on our behalf. The Recorder was directed to prepare such a letter for the Director's signature.

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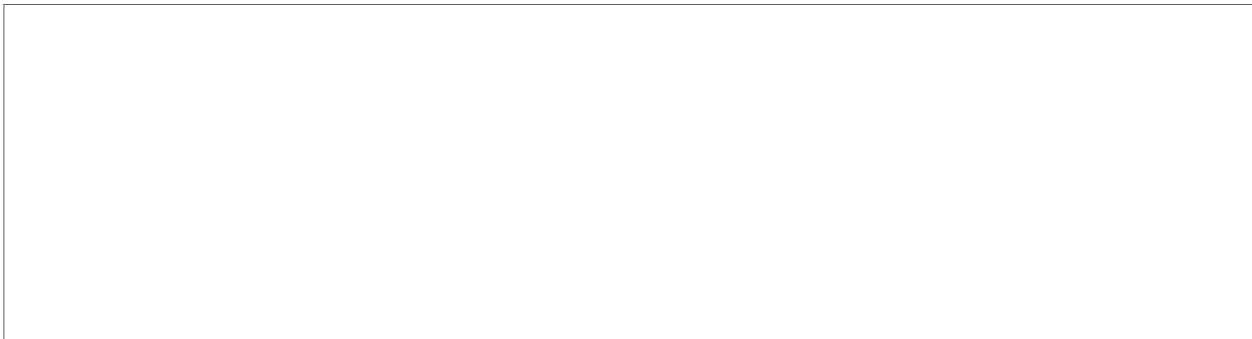
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Item IV. Commo Support Program:

A new draft was presented incorporating the changes suggested at the last meeting. A chart of present and proposed communications facilities was submitted. A cover memorandum to the Director will be prepared to go with the plan, requesting approval and recommending that the plan be presented to the National Security Council.

Item V. Distribution of Cables:

This item was carried over to the next meeting.



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Item VII. Agent Equipment:

It was decided to leave the present freeze on shipment of agent type equipment and the question is to be brought up at the next meeting.

Item VIII. New Business:

25X1 A cable from [] was presented requesting approval for the hiring of indigenous personnel as guards for the [] base. No objections to this policy were raised. 25X1 25X1

25X1 The question of possible negotiations with [] for the establishment of a base [] along the same lines as the [] Base was brought up and will be discussed at the next meeting. 25X1

The meeting adjourned at 4:20 PM.

MINUTES OF EIGHTH MEETING OF OSO/OPC COMMUNICATIONS BOARD

The regular meeting of the OSO/OPC Communications Board was held at 2 PM, Tuesday, 28 February 1950. Present were:



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ITEM I. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

ITEM II. [REDACTED]

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Cables of instruction have gone forward to Agency representatives in [REDACTED] with respect to negotiations for the [REDACTED] [REDACTED] presented a draft of a cable to [REDACTED] prepared by the Department of State with respect to the base, and after discussion (there was some question as to whether [REDACTED] would coordinate it without rewriting), the cable was approved for return to State.

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ITEM III. [REDACTED]

Progress as reported by [REDACTED] is that one proposed site has been examined at some distance [REDACTED] but it does not appear to be too desirable, primarily because of its remote location. There is considerable red tape involved in the negotiations at the moment. However, he is continuing to examine various airfields and estates and pictures of some of these sites should be available at the next meeting. No cost estimates are possible at this point because of the security factors involved. One of the [REDACTED] [REDACTED] which is to be used for the [REDACTED] is expected to arrive at Headquarters within the week. This equipment will be assembled probably at the [REDACTED] warehouse and members of the Board will be invited to examine it there. [REDACTED] suggested that should delays in procuring real estate in [REDACTED] be prolonged, the equipment should be shipped to [REDACTED] for storage at some Army vehicle park.

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ITEM IV. Commo Support Program:

Basically, the new draft of the program was acceptable to all present. Minor changes in wording were made and a major change in the method of presenting the cost estimates was decided upon. This new method will include both estimates for skeleton T/Os and full strength T/Os, and will be presented in tabulated form in an appendix. In connection with the overall support plan, [REDACTED] was directed to prepare a map showing all the facilities envisaged in this plan and the areas they would cover.

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ITEM V. Distribution of Cables:

The new OPC cable distribution manual is now completed and is being coordinated by all personnel concerned. It will be brought before the Board for final approval.

ITEM VI.

The memorandum for the Secretary of State was discussed. It will be rewritten and coordinated with the various members of the Board and then presented to office for final polishing.

ITEM VII. Receiver Stocks:

Accurate figures on the receiver stocks were still unobtainable. However, steps are being taken to secure from SSS the corrected figures according to the latest inventory. It was decided that a freeze would be placed on shipment of all agent equipment until the results of the inventory are determined.

There was no new business. The meeting adjourned at 4:30 PM.

MINUTES OF SEVENTH MEETING OF OSO/OPC COMMUNICATIONS BOARD

The regular meeting of the OSO/OPC Communications Board was held at 2 PM, Tuesday, 21 February 1950. Present were:

Item I. The minutes of the previous meeting were read, and after a few minor changes, approved.

Item II.

is in the process of writing a cable to Messrs. with respect to instructions on negotiations for

Item III.

Progress is being made on negotiations, and it is expected that definite real estate proposals would be forthcoming shortly.

Item IV. Commo Support Program:

The draft of this program presented to the Board at the previous meeting was discussed and in general acceptable to everyone. Modifications were made in line with the discussion.

Item V. Distribution of Cables:

This item was carried over until such time as the directive for the distribution of WASHJ traffic has been completed and is ready for presentation.

Item VI. New Business:

1. is preparing a draft of a letter to the Secretary of State from DCI. A copy of this letter is to be sent to the Executive Secretary of the National Security Council. Also, this letter is to contain excerpts of a document already approved by DCI, and the tenor of the letter is to indicate no previous knowledge of impending conferences with State Department on the subject.

2. The Chief, COMMO, stated that at the present time, we have immediately available 279 complete assemblies, but we also have 551 SSR-1D and 940 receivers, and 2,136 transmitters. The Communications Board directed the Chief, COMMO, to establish a project for the determination of what equipments are necessary to bring the present incomplete stocks of SSTR-1s to the maximum level for all components. This may require contract for additional power supplies and possible modification of the existing receivers or construction of new units.

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3. With regard to the procurement of gasoline generators, the Engineering Branch is writing a report on this subject.

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4. has been appointed alternate for

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The meeting adjourned at 4:25 PM.

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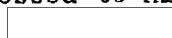


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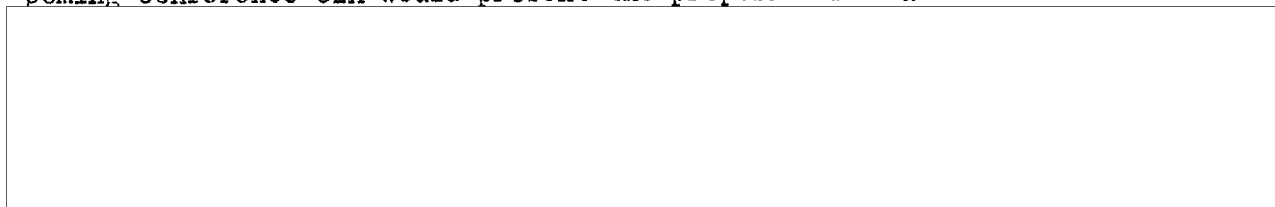
Item I. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.


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It was reported that  is taking action on the  memorandum addressed to him through the Joint Staff. In view of the ~~probable~~ ~~handover~~ of the  request for a base, it was decided that the ~~the~~ coming conference CIA would present the proposition that it will offer a

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Progress is being made on the procuring of sites for  base, but no definite negotiations have been concluded as yet.

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Item IV. CIA Commo Support Program


A new draft of the program was presented to the Board for each member to study over before the next meeting.

Item V. Distribution of Cables

It was reported that the directive, of WASHJ traffic was still in the process of revision. It was also found that the OPC overall cable distribution directive was incomplete in several instances and was also in the process of revision.

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Item VI. Status report from Engineering Branch

 of the Engineering Branch presented a report on the various projects now under way in Commo. He specified that he listed only the major projects which might be affected by current policy and operational planning. It was decided that the question of whether additional mobile stations should be procured is to be the subject of study and a decision by the Board at a later meeting. The equipment presently on order will allow for two

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25X1 Class A package stations. The first experimental model will be ready in about two weeks. It was decided that Commo would make a survey of the stock of wartime TR-1s presently on hand with a view to possible overhauling and waterproofing. Such equipment would be used to fill OPC's pressing need for radios [redacted]. OPC expressed great interest in the miniature gasoline power plant which, it is understood, is being held up in the letting of the contract. This is to be checked into and will come up on the agenda at the next meeting.

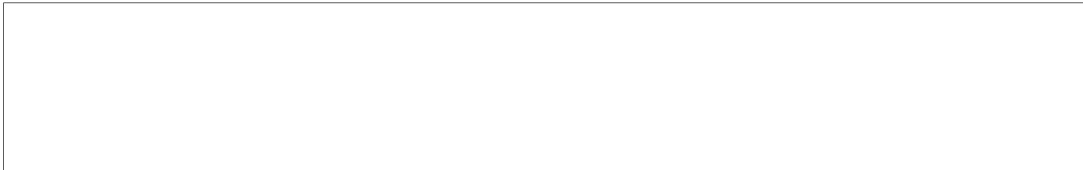
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MINUTES OF MEETING OF OSO/OPC COMMUNICATIONS BOARD

The regular meeting of the OSO/OPC Communications Board was held at 2 PM, Tuesday, 7 February 1950. Present were:



Item I. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Item II. Distribution of Cables:

In discussion of this item, it was brought out that it would be helpful to the Signal Center if OPC would indicate in some manner what internal distribution is made of their copies of WASHJ cable traffic. Methods for solving this difficulty and also the assignment of OPC distribution symbols was discussed and it was decided that [redacted] of OPC and [redacted] of the Signal Center would be appointed as a working group to draw up a solution to these problems for presentation at the next Board meeting.

Item III. [redacted]

This item will remain on the agenda until further action. Forwarding of memorandum to [redacted] not yet accomplished.

Item IV. Worldwide Communications System:

A redraft of the memorandum on worldwide communications system was presented by [redacted] of COMMO. It was pointed out that a general outline of what is wanted and operational justification for it will be presented with supporting references to be added later on. OPC pointed out that the OPC charter, NSC 10-2, should be referred to in this basic outline. It was suggested that the introduction should be elaborated upon, then the requirements listed, then the phasing set up for budget purposes. The working group on this problem was directed to take this discussion into consideration in continuing to work on the memorandum and to have it ready for the next Board meeting.

Item V. New Business:

It was reported that progress is being made on the negotiations for the [redacted] and that the procuring of sites is being pushed so that the project may be brought up before the Projects Review Committee.

It was suggested by [redacted] that the Engineering Branch get up a list of projects and equipment now in progress to be presented to the Board.

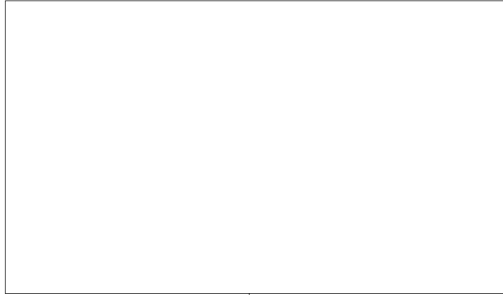
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MINUTES OF MEETING OF OSO/OPC COMMUNICATIONS BOARD

The regular meeting of the OSO/OPC Communications Board was held at 2 PM Tuesday, January 31, 1950. Present were:



The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Item I. Distribution of Cables.

This item was carried over to the next meeting without discussion.

Item II.

The draft of a memorandum to [redacted] was discussed. A summary of the negotiations up to the present was made and it was decided that, with a few minor changes, the drafted memorandum would be presented to [redacted], so that the Department of State can be approached with a proposal mutually agreeable to all interested parties. This item is retained for final disposition.

Item III. Worldwide Communications System.

A draft of requirements for a worldwide communications system was discussed point by point and it was decided that this memorandum should be the subject of further study and continued on the agenda for the next meeting of the Board.

Item IV. Cable

The cable to the Commo representative [redacted] with respect to negotiations for the [redacted] was drawn up in final form and approved for transmission.

Item V.

Effort is being made to expedite permission from the Department of State to ship the additional necessary personnel for the operation of the base. The question of designations for personnel for the presently

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approved T/O of 64 was discussed, and it was decided that [] would prepare a letter from the Director to high level personnel in the Department of State setting forth the objectives of the whole project with total T/O figures and justification therefor.

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The meeting adjourned at 3:45 PM.

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MINUTES OF MEETING OF OSO/OPC COMMUNICATIONS BOARD

A special meeting of the OSO/OPC Communications Board was held at 1130 AM, Thursday, 26 January 1950. Present were:



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The draft of rules for procedures of the Board was discussed and approved in modified form. Final approved rules have been made a part of the file of the Board.

Items to be included on the agenda for forthcoming meetings were discussed.

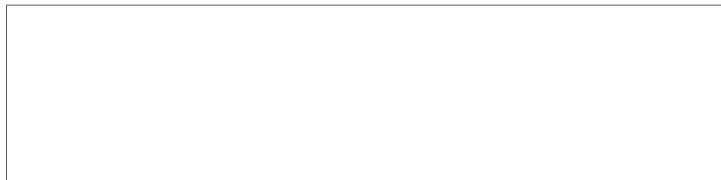
The meeting was adjourned at 1215.

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MINUTES OF MEETING OF OSO/OPC COMMUNICATIONS BOARD

A special meeting of the OSO/OPC Communications Board was held at 4PM, Tuesday, 24 January 1950. Present were:



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25X1 cable regarding the [redacted], received from
[redacted] A rough draft of the answer was agreed upon and
the Recorder instructed to obtain the necessary releases and transmit
the cable.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 PM.

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MINUTES OF MEETING OF OSO/OPC COMMUNICATIONS BOARD

The first meeting of the OSO/OPC Communications Board was held at 3 PM, Monday, 23 January 1950. Present were:



The meeting was opened by the Recorder who read the memorandum to the DCI, dated 3 January 1950, setting forth the purposes for which the Board was established. Following the reading of this memorandum, the Board discussed the rules of procedure under which it should operate. A draft of these proposed rules will be submitted to the next meeting.

To insure the proper functioning of the Board, it was decided to recommend that the Assistant Directors appoint one principal and one alternate to the Board.

A cable [redacted] was received from [redacted] presently negotiating [redacted] was read and discussed. It was decided to call another meeting after more information regarding the questions asked had been obtained.

The meeting was adjourned at 4 PM.

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